

I am writing to register a complaint against Sinclair Broadcasting for instructing their local tv stations to air a clearly partisan program two weeks before the presidential elections.

Sinclair's owners and chief executive officers have a right--as individuals--to their political views, and a right--as individuals--to support the party and candidate of their choosing. As owners and operators of a company that broadcasts over publicly owned airwaves, however, Sinclair is bound by law to serve the public interest.

The decision to air "Stolen Honor," an anti-Kerry documentary, two weeks before the election does not serve the public interest, but serves the political interests of Sinclair and of the Bush/Cheney campaign. This is an abuse of the terms of Sinclair's use of our airwaves and an abuse of the public trust.

We call on the FCC to protect the public interest in this matter, and either bar Sinclair from imposing its political views on the public, or requiring that the broadcast of "Stolen Honor" be followed by the broadcast of "Going Up River," or some other such program that balances the views presented in "Stolen Honor."

Thank you.